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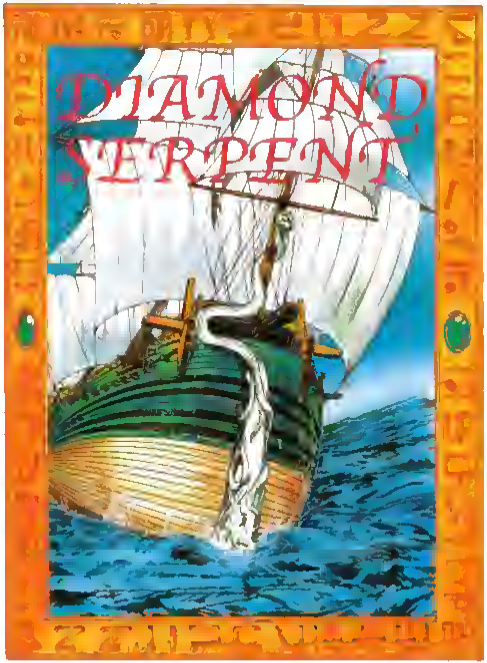
HEADING UNDERGROUND TO SEEK TREASURE, ENCOUNTERING TRAP, AFTER TRAP, AFTER TRAP, WILL COCO AND THE OTHERS BE ABLE TO FIND THE TREASURE AT THIS RATE!?

MUSTER YOUR WISDOM AND COURAGE!!



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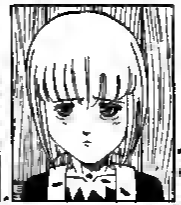
DAIAN

NUTS



MIRUKA

THE RED SKELL

SPARD

CAFELL

RED SKELL

COCO

BARTS

CREW OF THE SWEET MADONNA

KAMARA

SWEET MADONNA.
ALIAS: CRAZY STONE HEAD.

NOSE

BAKUCHI

DEAD

HULK

MIGARU

PETE

IT IS AN AGE WHERE EVERYONE LONGS TO BE A PIRATE, AND EVERY PIRATE SHARES A DREAM: THE DREAM OF THE "FALCON LEGEND"... THE CREW OF THE SWEET MADONNA HAS SET SAIL ON A TREASURE HUNT FOR THE FALCON LEGEND.

MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER GREAT PIRATE SHIP, THE DIAMOND SERPENT, DAIKUCHI'S OLD FRIEND, NUTS, HAS STARTED A REBELLION, MURDERED CAPTAIN DAIAN, AND TAKEN OVER THE SHIP. UNBEKNOWNST TO COCO AND THE OTHERS, NUTS IS ALSO AIMING FOR THE SAME TREASURE AND HAS FOLLOWED THEIR SHIP TO THE TREASURE ISLAND. HE HAS BEEN SECRETLY FOLLOWING THEM THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE. AFTER COUNTLESS TRAPS HAVE BEEN SPRUNG, HE FINALLY REVEALS HIMSELF, AND THEN...

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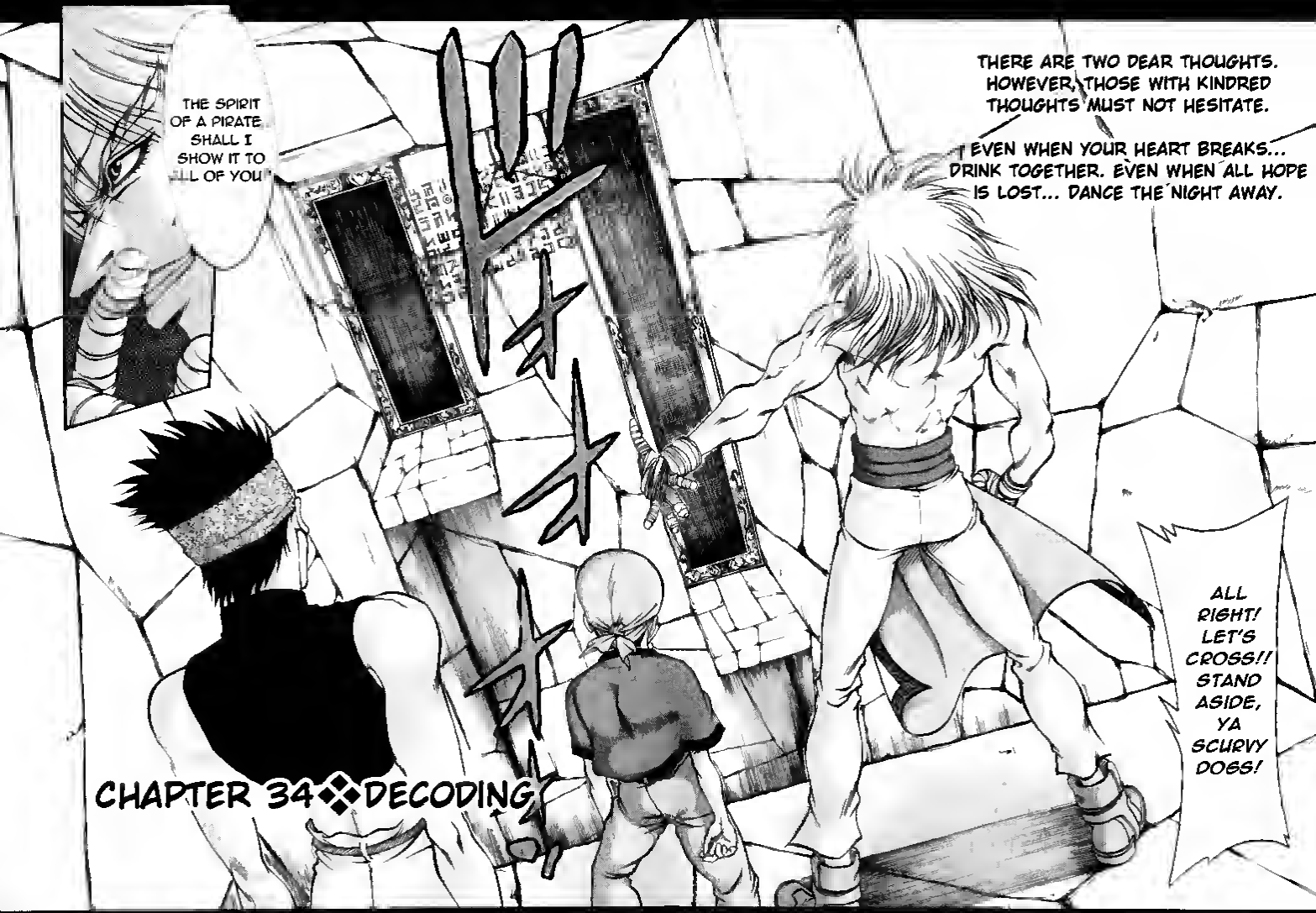
IF WE FALL INTO THE PIT OF SPIKES UNDER US, WE'LL DIE
IN FRONT OF US ARE TWO DOORS
AND A RIDDLE
THERE ARE TWO DEAR THOUGHTS. HOWEVER, YOU MUST NOT HESITATE...
"THERE ARE TWO DEAR THOUGHTS" I WONDER IF THAT'S REFERRING TO THE DOORS.
IT SAYS WE MUST NOT HESITATE.
I GUESS THAT MEANS ONE OF THE DOORS IS A TRAP.
LET'S JUST GO! IT'S NOT A DISTANCE WE CAN'T JUMP! THIS KIND OF USELESS WORRYING IS UNBEFITTING OF PIRATES!!
RIGHT.


THE SPIRIT OF A PIRATE SHALL I SHOW IT TO ALL OF YOU!
THERE ARE TWO DEAR THOUGHTS. HOWEVER, THOSE WITH KINDRED THOUGHTS MUST NOT HESITATE.
EVEN WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS... DRINK TOGETHER. EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE IS LOST... DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY.
ALL RIGHT! LET'S CROSS!! STAND ASIDE, YA SCURVY DOGS!
CHAPTER 34 ❖ DECODING

I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO SHOW IT TO US, MIGARU
SLAP
NOW, GO, MI-GARU!
SURE
HUH..? ME?
STEP
TOAA CHO
!?
THE DOOR ..? IT SEEMS LIKE..
WELL, MIGARU? WILL THE DOOR OPEN?
GRUNT-RLE
WHOA, THE FOOT-HOLD!

MIGARU! ONE MORE! THERE'S ONE MORE DOOR!
YUP.
SHEESH! IT'S NO GOOD! THIS ONE'S ALSO COLLAPSING!
BACK! COME BACK! HURRY!!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
SO NONE OF THE DOORS OPEN?
THE FOOTHOLDS GAVE OUT BEFORE I COULD EVEN TRY.
SO WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE FOOTHOLDS FIRST, EH...? I GUESS WE HAVE TO DECODE THE RIDDLE AFTER ALL...
WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF!? YOU'RE A PIRATE!
IT WAS SCARY! SUUUUUFFER SCARY!
OUTTA MY WAAAAY!!
I'LL FIGURE THIS OUT!!
JUMPING HEADFIRST INTO EVERYTHING WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT ISN'T ALWAYS THE ANSWER, YOU STUPID BROAD.
TCH, YOU GUTLESS WORMS!

DON'T! YOU'LL FALL!!
STOP! THE FOOTHOLDS WILL COL-LAPSE! IT'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHO DOES IT!
THE SAME!?
CAPTAIN! I UNDER-STAND NOW! IT'S THE SAME!!
!?
"THOSE WITH KINDRED THOUGHTS" ARE THE SAME!!
THE SAME.
!
BARTS!
THAT'S IT!
CAPTAIN!
KAMAAAAAA!

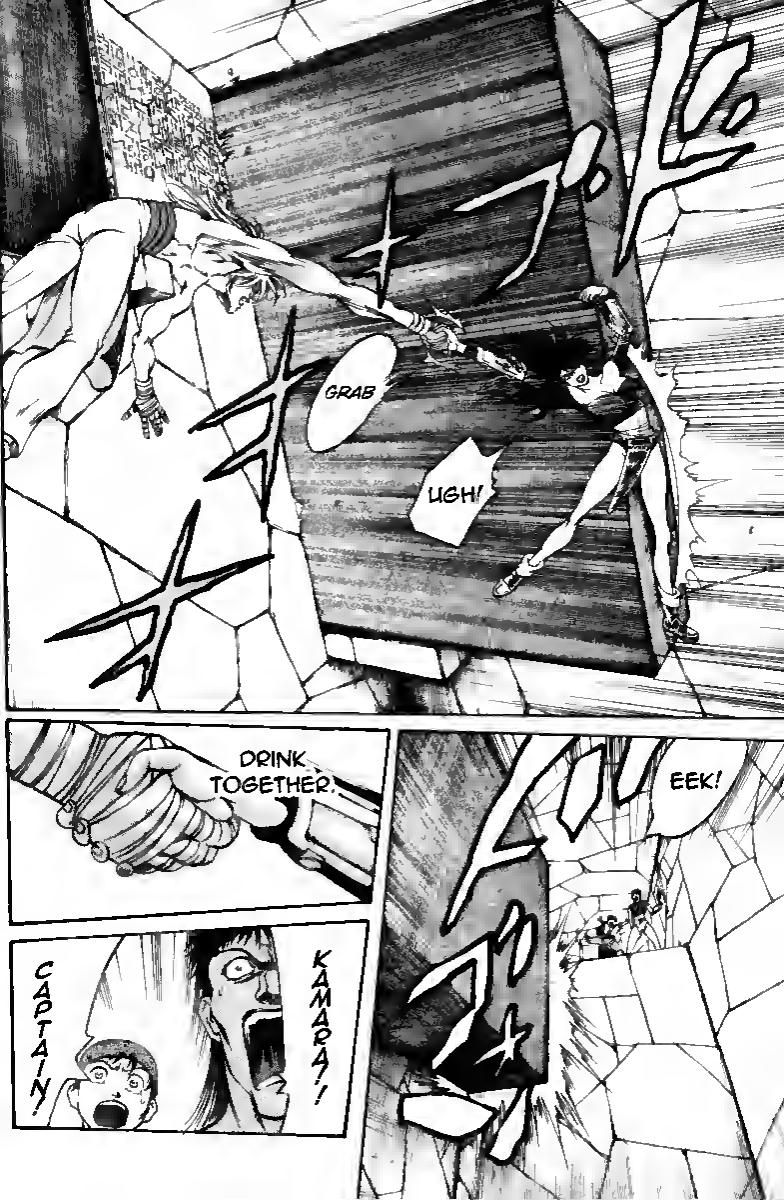
LAND AT THE SAME TIME AS ME!
HUH?

THUD
YOU NEEDED TO LAND ON BOTH OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME, OR SO IT SEEMS.
OH.
HOW-EVER..
WHOA
HOWEVER, THOSE WITH KINDRED THOUGHTS MUST NOT HESITATE.
..THE FOOTHOLDS DIDN'T COLLAPSE
SO THAT'S THE COR-RECT ANSWER
LOOK! THE DOOR IN FRONT OF KAMAPA IS OPENING!
!
!!
CRUM BLE
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE

BARTS!
EVEN WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS...
WHOA!
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
GOOD THING I KEPT MY COOL.
.....
JUST JUMP OVER HERE
AH! SOMEONE! SAVE ME!!
JUST LIKE THE RIDDLE... THEN NEXT SHOULD COME THE DRINKING.
GEEZ, MY HEART WAS POUNDING SO HARD, IT WAS ABOUT TO BREAK
PHEW

MAYBE THERE ARE BARRELS OF BOOZE BEHIND THAT DOOR.
AND WHEN WE DRINK THEM..
WE'LL DIE OF POISON!
EYE EYE! ELE-HHHH!
HEY... DID YOU HEAR SOME-THING?
HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE SO WE CAN GO IN.
YEAH, YEAH
BUT REALLY, WHAT A THOUGHTFUL TRAP. IF IT WASN'T IN BARTS' NATURE TO JUMP IN AND SAVE ME, THE TRAP WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DISARMED.
.. DISARMED!?
HERE I GO!
WAIT, CAPTAIN!
WAH!
SLIP

HUH ?
CAPTAIN, EXTEND YOUR HAND!
DRINK TOGETHER!!
?
KAMARA!
DRINK .!
KAMARA! WAIT!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING .? I'M GOING ON AHEAD
SERI-OUSLY, NOSE
HURRY!!
GRAB ONTO MY HAND!
JUST DO IT!!
HUH?


GRAB
UGH!
DRINK TOGETHER.
EEK!
KAMARA?!
CAPTAIN!

DON'T LET GO..
..UGH ...
THIS IS BAD.. THEY'RE BARELY HANGING BY A THREAD.
IS THIS WHEN ALL HOPE IS LOST!?
NO! LOOK!
..CRAP.

WHEN ALL HOPE IS LOST.
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
THE CAPTAIN'S FOOTHOLD IS RECEDING!!
DON'T! ADDING ANY MORE WEIGHT WOULD BE DANGER-OUS!
GOT IT.
MIGARU, GET OVER THERE! GET THEM SOME ROPE!
DON'T PANIC!!
THEN WHAT DO WE DO !?
CALM DOWN, YA SCURVY DOGS!!
SOLVE THE LAST PART OF THE RIDDLE..
SCRAPE

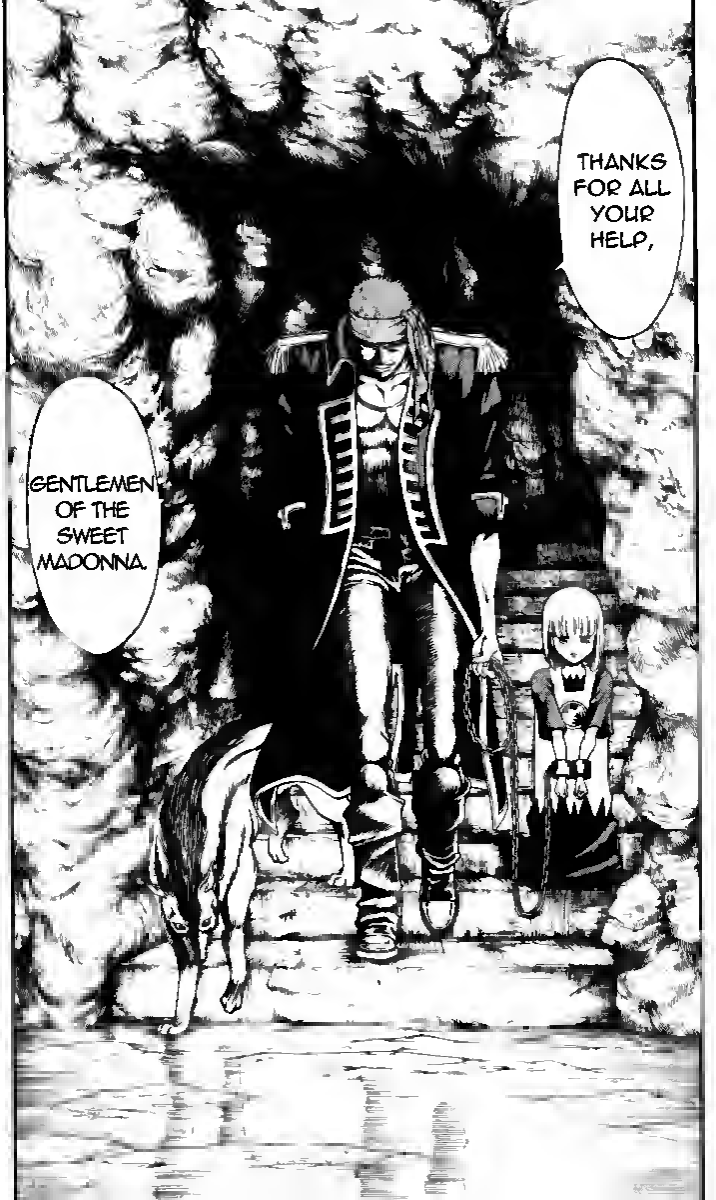
THAT'S RIGHT...
I... DON'T GET IT AT ALL!
THINK CAREFULLY.
.....
WHAT THE HELL DOES IT MEAN BY "DANCE"?
DANCE... THE NIGHT AWAY..
DON'T WORRY, KAMARA...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I ALWAYS PULL THROUGH WHEN IT MATTERS.
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?
.....
!

KAMARA! UNDER-NEATH YOU!!
WHAT IS THAT UNDER-NEATH YOU!?
UN-DER-NEATH...?
I SEE IT! ...I SEE IT, BUT...
I CAN'T REACH IT...
I'M AT MY LIMITS... ALL RIGHT KAMARA.
NO, JOHN!!
DON'T LET GO OF MY HAND!
AAAH!

FLIP
DANCE... THE NIGHT AWAY...
BAAARTS!!
GRAB
LOOK! THE DOOR OPENED!
AND THE FOOTHOLD IS EXTENDING AGAIN!
HEH...
...HEHE...

HOW DID YOU THINK TO LOOK UNDER-NEATH HER?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WHEN YOU DANCE, AND MY EYES NATU-RALLY WENT TO KAMARA'S FEET!
THAT'S AMAZING, COCO-CHAN!
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL
LET'S GO!!
NOW, FORWARD!!
DOES IT KEEP GOING?
STEP
STEP
STAIRS LEADING DOWN, HUH...? ALL RIGHT!
!?

WHAT? ... THIS ...
NO WAY THIS CAN'T BE THE TREA-SURE
WELL, I REALLY MUST THANK ALL OF YOU.
THANKS TO YOU GUYS, IT WAS REALLY EASY GETTING HERE
!?


THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP,
GENTLEMEN OF THE SWEET MADONNA.

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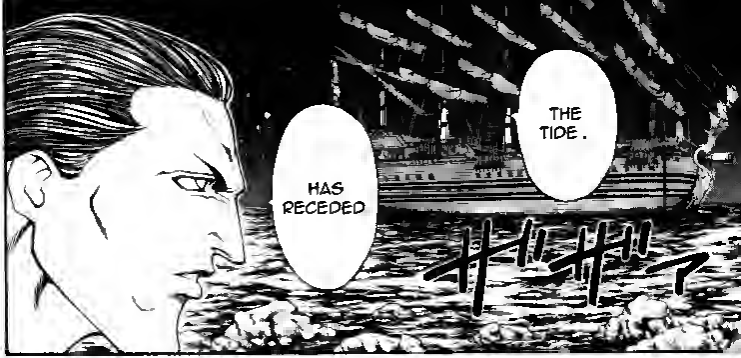
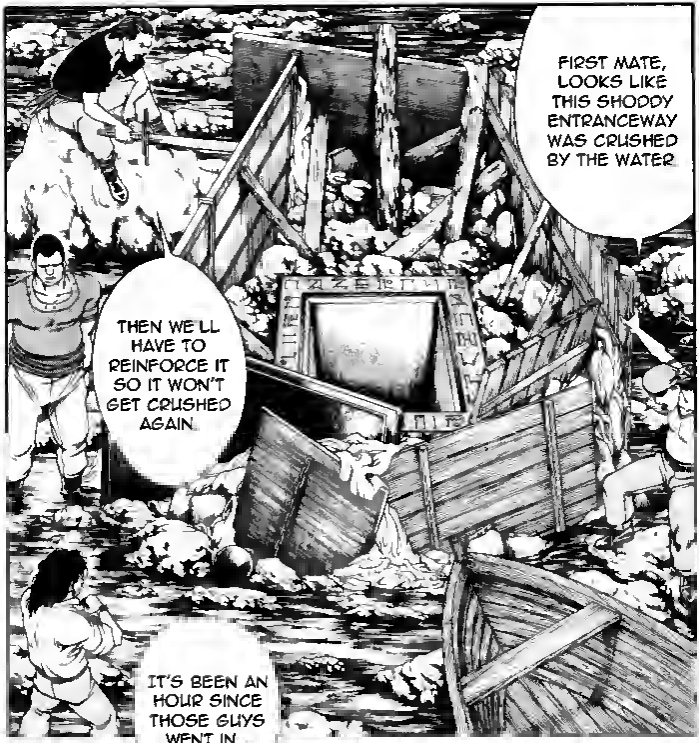
PUNK


THE TIDE.
HAS RECEDED

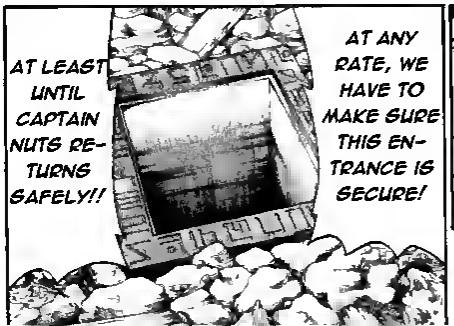

FIRST MATE, LOOKS LIKE THIS SHODDY ENTRANCEWAY WAS CRUSHED BY THE WATER.
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO REINFORCE IT SO IT WON'T GET CRUSHED AGAIN.
IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE THOSE GUYS WENT IN..

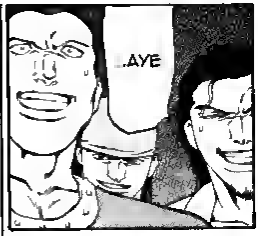
HE'S THE MAN THAT KILLED OUR CAPTAIN DAIAN
HEH, ISN'T IT BETTER IF HE'S DEAD?
YOU THINK NUTS IS ALL RIGHT?
NUTS IS OUR CAPTAIN NOW
UGH...
NO... NOT AT ALL, FIRST MATE...
IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NUTS, THEN YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ME.
IT WASN'T A DREAM OR AN ILLUSION.
THAT POWER THAT BLEW DAIAN TO PIECES...

THAT CHANGELING, MARBIS ...
AND NUTS.
THAT MIRUKA BRAT ...

COULD KILL TEN OR TWENTY PEOPLE... NO, THEY COULD LAY WASTE TO AN ENTIRE SHIP WITH THAT POWER...
THE POWER THAT THEY POSSESS ...

UNDERSTAND? THE WORLD.
IF WE FOLLOW NUTS, THE WORLD WILL BE OURS FOR THE TAKING.


AT LEAST UNTIL CAPTAIN NUTS RE-TURNS SAFELY!!
AT ANY RATE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THIS EN-TRANCE IS SECURE!


..AYE

THE FALCON RELICS REALLY ARE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD.
.....
MY THANKS TO YOU, CAPTAIN BARTS.
YOU BASTARD ...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

I REMEMBER NOW..
AH!
CAPTAIN, THIS IS THE GUY WE MET AT NAITAM...
..HEH..
CAPTAIN DAIAN'S FAVORITE..
THE ONE CALLED NUTS!
PUNK.
WHAT DO YOU WANT? HAVE YOU COME TO STEAL OUR TREASURE?
.....

!
NUTS. WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
THIS PERSON IS... BAKUCHI'S FRIEND FROM LONG AGO... WHY...?
.....
.....
I'M NOT STEALING ANYTHING THE TREASURE IS MINE.
GRIP
AND, BARTS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.
HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN A GOOD LOOK AT THESE CLOTHES I'M WEARING?
.....

THE TREASURE IS YOURS !?
THEY LOOK LIKE THE CLOTHES OF A CAPTAIN, BUT IT'S TOO DARK IN HERE FOR ME TO TELL.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? ...WHERE'S DAIAN..?
I RETIRED THAT BALDY.
THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
REALLY. THE DIAMOND SERPENT HAS COME UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP.
TO ME, CAPTAIN NUTS,
THAT GIRL, MIRUKA,
AND MY BELOVED DOG, MARBIS.

THERE'S ... SOMETHING OFF ABOUT HIM ...
WE ARE NOW ACQUAIN-TANCES ...
FROM HERE ON .
NO...
THERE ISN'T A "FROM HERE ON", IS THERE ...?
HUH?
BECAUSE ALL OF YOU GENTLEMEN...
'RE FATE TO DIE HERE BY MY HAND'
HM HM ...
HM-HA-HA-HA

HAAA
HAHA
HA
HA
HA
!

CAPTAIN, THIS MAN...
YEAH...
HE'S DIFFERENT... HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE MAN I MET EARLIER... HE'S OVERFLOWING WITH CONFIDENCE... WHY?
CRAZY?
ME?
EVEN IF WE WANTED TO FIGHT THIS CRAZY GUY, WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME.
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE GONNA KILL ALL OF US!?
JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS!
WAIT, KAMARA...
STOP LAUGHING!
HE HE...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BARTS? JUST LOOK AT HIM. HE'S UNARMED!
WHAT'S THE SOURCE OF HIS NEWFOUND CONFIDENCE?
OR IS THAT MANGY MUTT AND THAT LITTLE BRAT HIS WEAPONS?
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, PUNK!!
THAT'S RIGHT THEY'RE A LOT MORE USEFUL THAN YOU, AT ANY RATE
I'M NOT A PUNK I'M A CAPTAIN
THE ONE WHO SHOULD WATCH HER MOUTH IS YOU
.....
LITTLE GIRL
"LITTLE GIRL"..!?

CU-
CUT IT OUT, KAMARA!
!
!?
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!!
WHA!?
USEFUL, ISN'T SHE?
... LOOK ...

GRIP
MY SHIELD.
CLENCH
NUTS, YOU.
YOU PIECE OF TRASH.
USING A GIRL AS A SHIELD..? YOU WIN. AS I THOUGHT, YOU'RE..
QUITE A WONDERFUL SHIELD, WOULDN'T YOU SAY, BARTS?

JUST A PUNK.
.....
SO WHAT NOW, PUNK !?
YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT LIKE THIS!
IF YOUR TARGET IS THE TREASURE...
REWARD?! !?
LET ME REWARD YOU FOR LEADING ME THIS FAR
SORRY FOR ACTING LIKE A PUNK .
I'M GLAD WE PARTICIPATED IN THIS TREASURE HUNT TOGETHER..

I WILL SHOW YOU GENTLE-MEN THE TREASURE AND GOAL OF THE FALCON CIVILIZATION!
I WILL BURY ALL OF YOU HERE WITH THAT LEGENDARY POWER!
POWER?
LEGEN-DARY

AWAKEN MARBIS.
NOW, MIRUKA..
!?
THIS IS THE POWER OF THE FALCON!
BARIS?
IT CAN'T BE...
A CHANGE-LING!?

Hideyg

CHAPTER
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BAD LUCK

NOW, MIRUKA! AWAKEN MARBIS!
BARTS! THIS IS THE POWER OF THE FALCON!

A CHANGE-LING!?
IS THAT A CHANGE-LING!?
A CHANGE LING!?
WHAT?
WHAT!?

FULFILL YOUR DUTY!
GRIP
DO IT!
QU..
.....
QUIT IT!!
DON'T HURT HER!!
PAT

STEP BACK, COCO!
DO IT, MIRUKA !!
THAT'S A CHANGE-LING!!
CHANGE... LING?
... MA...
MARBI ...

!?
MARBI.
WAIT, MIRUKA.

.....?
THIS RELIC...
.....
I SEE...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

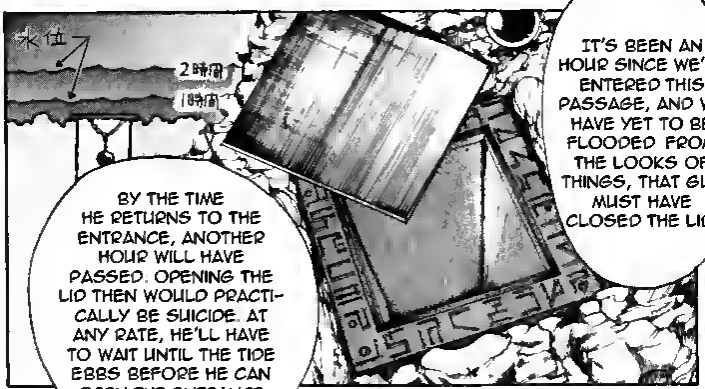
LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT HERE
GOSH
I'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE TO YOU, BARTS.
BUT THINK ABOUT IT...
DON'T WASTE YOUR STRENGTH.
ARE YOU REALLY GETTING ANY CLOSER TO THE FALCON
.....

LET'S GO BACK, MIRUKA.
HM HM HM
TCH.
WHY BARTS? THAT BASTARD
!?
WHY HAS HIS ATTITUDE CHANGED? ... IS IT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGELING ...?
DIAMOND SERPENT
YOU COULDN'T HAVE KILLED CAPTAIN DAIAN ...
NUTS.. YOU.
?
WHAT'S WRONG, BAKUCHI?

IF THE CAPTAIN FOUND OUT, HE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE NUTS...
NO, IT'S NOTHING AT ALL! C'MON, LET'S GET TO THE TREASURE!

CAPTAIN, IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO JUST LET THAT BASTARD GO BACK?

HUH?
HE'S NOT.


IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE WE'VE ENTERED THIS PASSAGE, AND WE HAVE YET TO BE FLOODED FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS, THAT GUY MUST HAVE CLOSED THE LID.
BY THE TIME HE RETURNS TO THE ENTRANCE, ANOTHER HOUR WILL HAVE PASSED. OPENING THE LID THEN WOULD PRACTICALLY BE SUICIDE. AT ANY RATE, HE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE TIDE EBBS BEFORE HE CAN OPEN THE ENTRANCE AGAIN.

ANYWAY, LET'S FIND THE TREASURE! THERE HAS TO BE SOME-THING IN THIS ROOM!
LET'S FIND SOMETHING THAT'LL MAKE THAT PUNK REGRET EVER LETTING US HAVE IT!!

FIRST MATE, THIS IS BAD.
IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS SINCE NUTS WENT IN.
NUTS..
WHAT'RE YOU DOING..?
CREAK
CREAK
THE ENTRANCE-WAY WON'T HOLD ANY LONGER!!!
WE HAVE TO PULL THE LID BACK ON, FIRST MATE!
!
YANK...
SHUT UP!!

NUTS! IT'S NUTS!
THE CAPTAIN HAS RE-TURNED!
FIRST MATE!
PULL! PULL HIM UP!
WHOA! THE WALL!!
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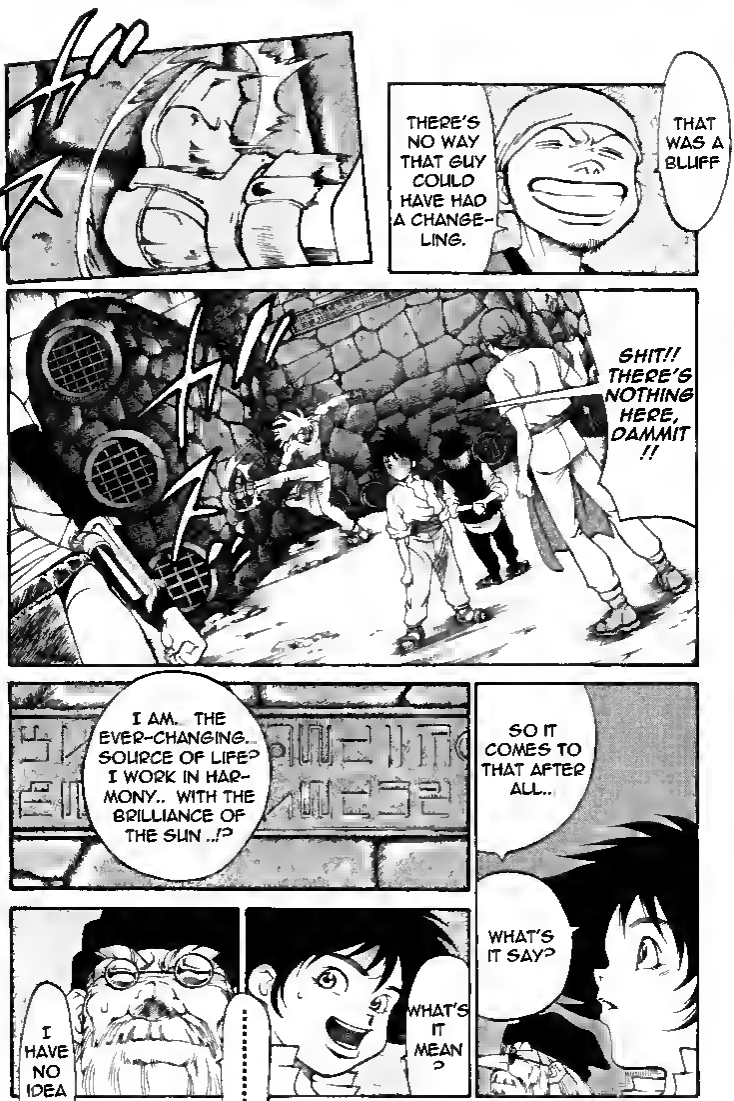
HEH.
YOU MADE IT BY A HAIR'S BREADTH, CAPTAIN NUTS. YOU SURE HAVE THE DEVIL'S LUCK. SHEESH

I'M THE LUCKIEST GUY THERE IS.

SO... THE TREASURE?
... WITHOUT A DOUBT.

WILL THEY... BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND THE FALCON WRITING?
"I AM THE EVER-CHANGING SOURCE OF LIFE. I WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN"
?

TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
DID YOU BLOW HIM TO PIECES WITH THE CHANGE-LING?
SO WHAT ABOUT BARTS?
DO YOU HONESTLY THINK ANYONE CAN SURVIVE THAT?
WHAT'S A "CHANGE-LING"...?
HEY, PETE.
MIGARU! DID YOU FIND ANYTHING OVER THERE!?
AND THAT DOG WAS ONE OF THEM?
IT'S SAID THAT THEY CAN BLOW A SHIP TO SMITHER-EENS IN ONE GO.
THEY'RE BEASTS THAT CAN CHANGE SHAPE.


THAT WAS A BLUFF
THERE'S NO WAY THAT GUY COULD HAVE HAD A CHANGE-LING.
SHIT!! THERE'S NOTHING HERE, DAMMIT !!
SO IT COMES TO THAT AFTER ALL..
I AM. THE EVER-CHANGING.. SOURCE OF LIFE? I WORK IN HAR-MONY.. WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN ..!?
WHAT'S IT SAY?
WHAT'S IT MEAN ?
.....
I HAVE NO IDEA .

... DON'T BULL-SHIT ME..
ARE YOU REALLY GETTING ANY CLOSER TO THE FALCON?
I DON'T LIKE THIS.. WHAT IS IT!?
... WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
IT COULDN'T BE!

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"I AM THE EVER-CHANGING SOURCE OF LIFE. I WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN..."
THE UNDERGOUND RELIC TURNS SEA WATER INTO FRESH WATER. THE FRESH WATER, ALONG WITH SUNLIGHT, IS USED TO NOURISH THE ISLAND'S PLANT LIFE...
THE TREASURE ISN'T UNDER-GROUND; IT'S ON THE SURFACE OF THIS LUSH-GREEN ISLAND.

Hide'Y

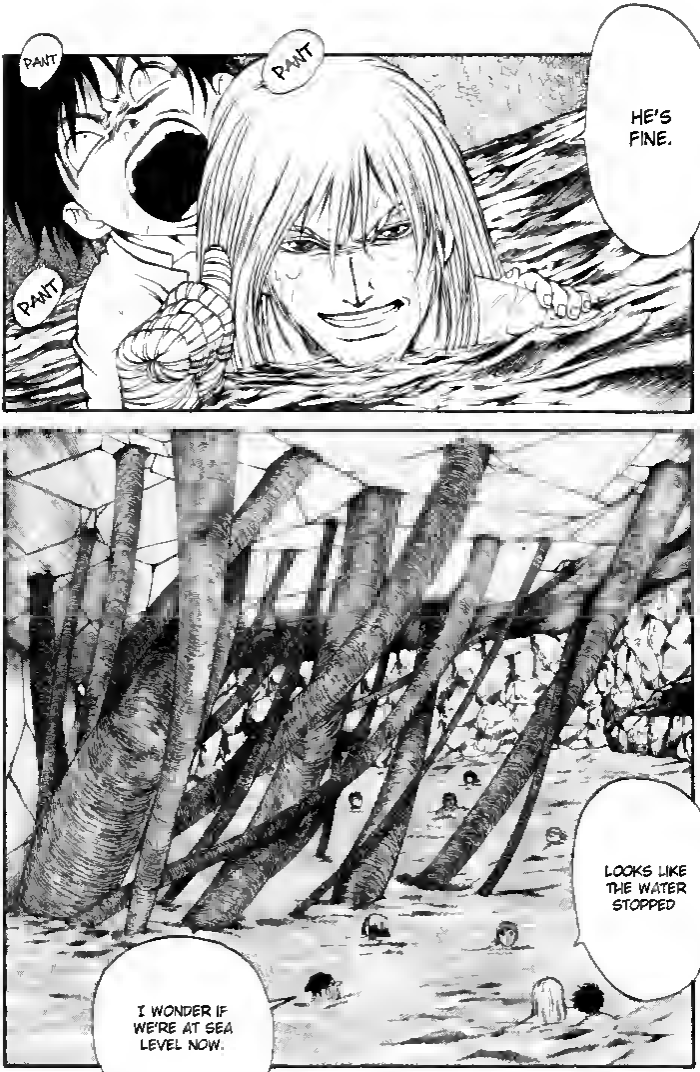
Chapter 37 ❖ Treasure

I AM THE EVER-CHANGING SOURCE OF LIFE. I WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN.
FIRE

……
!
GOHA

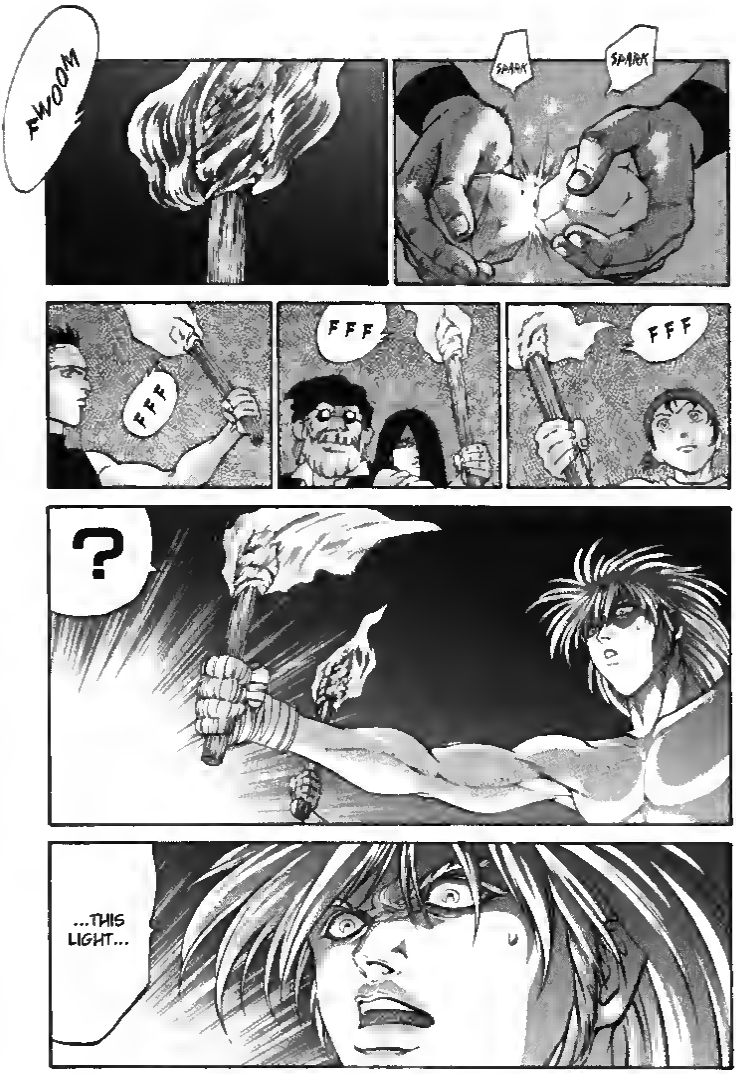
THE WATER'S STEADILY POURING DOWN.
GASP
Shit!
HOW HIGH DOES THIS PLACE GO?
IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT!?
THOSE TWO AREN'T HERE!
COCO AND THE CAPTAIN...
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT

COCO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM!
BUHA
CAP-TAIN!
Whaat?
ARE THEY STILL IN THE WATER!?
CAPTAIN! COCO-CHAN! COCO-CHAN!


PANT
PANT
PANT
HE'S FINE.
LOOKS LIKE THE WATER STOPPED
I WONDER IF WE'RE AT SEA LEVEL NOW.

Current Location
Passage
Island
Water Level
Relic
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE ISLAND SHOULD BE RIGHT ABOVE US.
.....
.....
AND WE CAN'T GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME.
.....
THE RELIC BELOW WILL DRAIN THE SEAWATER. WHEN THE TIDE EBBS, THE WATER LEVEL WILL GO DOWN, AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK.
NO WORRIES.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE SUN?
IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE "SOURCE OF LIFE" PART...
I AM "THE EVER-CHANGING SOURCE OF LIFE" I WORK IN HARMONY WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN.
ISN'T THE "EVER-CHANGING" REFERRING TO THE FLUCTUATING WATER LEVEL...?
CAPTAIN! THERE'S A TUNNEL!

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S WIDE ENOUGH FOR US TO SQUEEZE THROUGH
IT'S PITCH-BLACK IN HERE
A SIDE CHAM-BER?
HULK, BRING THE OIL OUT SO WE CAN LIGHT THE TORCHES


WOOM
SPARK
SPARK
FFF
FFF
FFF
?
...THIS LIGHT...

THE BRIL-LIANCE OF THE SUN...
THIS IS...

I MUST BE DREAMING...
...GOLD COINS?
WE DID IT...
99.9% GOLD FALCON GOLD COINS
IS ALL RIGHT HERE...
...THE LEGACY OF THE FALCON...
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T...
T...
T-T...
T...
T...

TREASURE!

CAPTAIN NUTS, IS THE TREASURE REALLY ON THE ISLAND AND NOT UNDERGROUND?

HOWEVER, IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN TAKE OVER THE WORLD WITH GOLD COINS, AM I RIGHT?
THERE IS PROBABLY A HOARD OF GOLD COINS UNDERNEATH THE ISLAND.

?
HMHMHM

BUT SQUIRRELS ARE THE ONLY THINGS ON THE ISLAND...

ONE OF THE SQUIRRELS IS A CHANGE-LING!?
...IT CAN'T BE!

THIS WAS DONE SO THAT THE LIVES OF THE FALCON PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON THIS ISLAND COULD BE SUSTAINED! THERE IS DEFINITELY A CHANGELING AMONG THE SQUIRRELS ON THIS ISLAND!
THE RELIC UNDERGROUND WAS BUILT TO CONVERT SEAWATER INTO FRESHWATER SO THAT THIS ISLAND WOULD FLOURISH.
TO LAND, YE SCURVY DOGS! ROUND UP EVERY LAST SQUIRREL AND BRING THEM TO THIS SHIP! EVERY LAST ONE!

NOSE, THE TIME?
YUP!
PRETTY SLEEPY, EH? WELL, YOU ARE ON A BED OF GOLD COINS.
THIRTEEN HOURS SINCE WE ENTERED...
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LET'S START HAULING THE TREASURE BACK!
ALL RIGHT! THE TIDE SHOULD HAVE EBBED BY NOW
CAPTAIN... THIS TREASURE...
WE CAN'T TAKE IT BACK
.....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WE WERE FOOLED BY THE TREASURE...
WHEN THE RELIC DRAINS ALL THE WATER, THE WATER LEVEL WILL RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE SURFACE UNTIL THE NEXT NEW MOON
S-STOP MESSING AROUND!
YOU'RE KIDDING
NO WAY
SO WE'RE GOING TO DIE WITH THE TREASURE!?
OOH OOH
NOOOOOO!
KATHUNK

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WHAT?
.....
Huh?
ALL I DID WAS LIFT IT...
HULK! WHAT DID YOU DO!?
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!
THE FINAL TRAP!?
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IT'S SINKING!
THE ISLAND...

AAAAAAAAAH!

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CHAPTER 38: SINKING

SQUEAK
HOLD STILL!
CALM DOWN!
Shit!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SCRATCH SCRATCH
SQUEAK
YOU REALLY WANT US TO GET EVERY LAST ONE?
I HAVE TWENTY.
I GOT TEN!
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, JUST GET THEM ALL ON THE SHIP.
OF COURSE.

TWITCH
WHAT IS GOING ON?
AH!
Whoa, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
HEY, HEY! WHAT THE HELL!?
THE SQUIRRELS ARE ALL RUNNING IN ONE DIRECTION ..
COULD THEY ALL HAVE BOARDED THE SHIP?
WE DON'T SEE ANY MORE SQUIRRELS AROUND
WHAT'S THAT?
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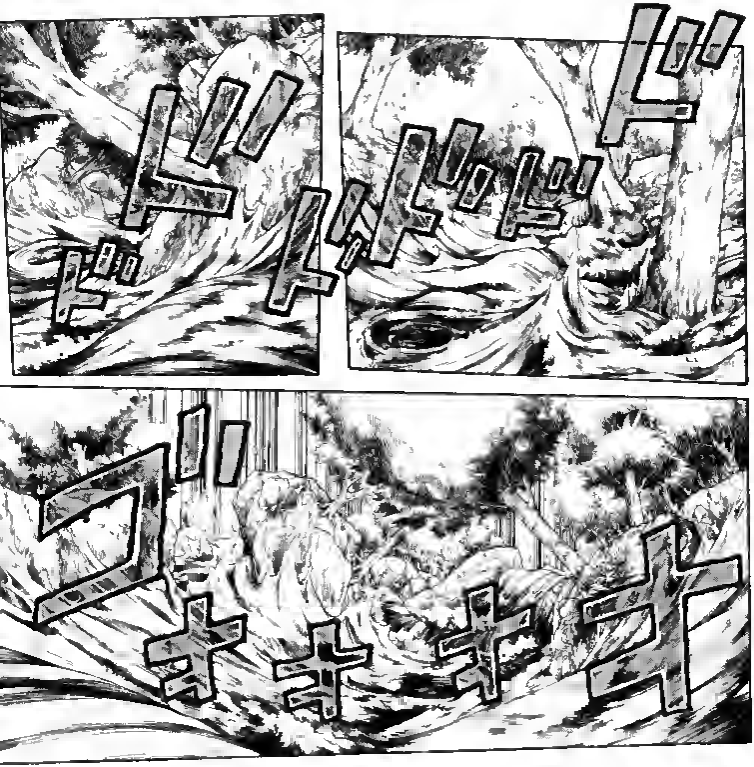
...WHY ARE THE SQUIRRELS BOARDING THE SHIP THEMSELVES?
ISN'T IT A GOOD THING? IT SURE SAVES US THE TROUBLE
Hmm

!?
WHOA!
AAAAAAH!
EEK!
BACK TO THE SHIP, YA SCURVY DOGS! THE ISLAND IS SPLITTING! HURRY!!
DID THEY SET OFF THE FINAL TRAP?
HEY, THOSE GUYS...


...THE ISLAND...
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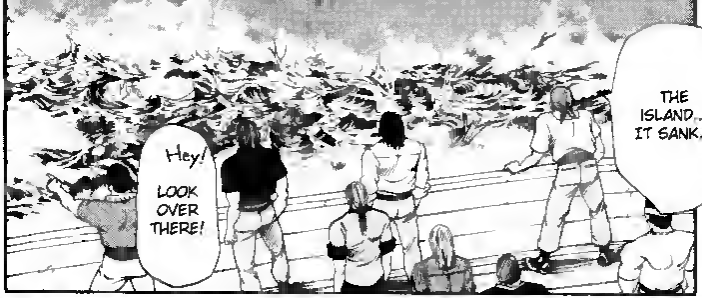
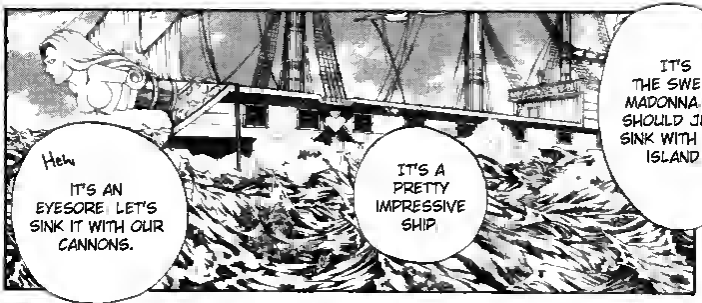

THE ISLAND... IT SANK...
Hey! LOOK OVER THERE!


IT'S THE SWEET MADONNA. IT SHOULD JUST SINK WITH THE ISLAND
IT'S A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE SHIP
Hehe IT'S AN EYESORE. LET'S SINK IT WITH OUR CANNONS.

STOP IT.
THE MASTER OF THE SHIP IS ON THE OCEAN FLOOR WITH THE ISLAND NOW
IT'S ENOUGH FOR IT TO JUST DRIFT ABOUT THE OCEAN FOREVER
MORE IMPORTANTLY ...

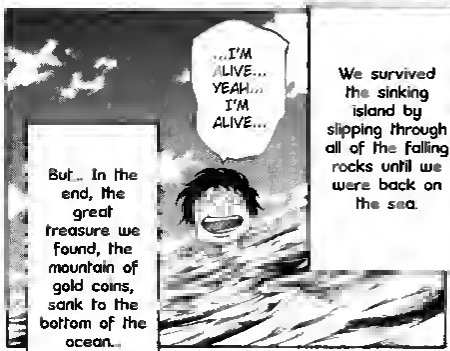
MIRUKA... DO YOUR JOB.
SNIFF OUT THE CHANGELING FROM THIS BUNCH.
.....
REST IN PEACE, BARTS.
I'M SURE DAIAN WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE AFTER-LIFE.

BWAAH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YA SCURVY DOGS!?

PANT
PANT
PANT
YEEEEEAH
PANT
PANT

ANYWAYS, LET'S GET BACK ON THE SHIP.

LOOKS LIKE OUR SHIP IS FINE. AS EXPECTED OF MY BELOVED SWEET MADONNA.


...I'M ALIVE... YEAH... I'M ALIVE...
We survived the sinking island by slipping through all of the falling rocks until we were back on the sea.
But... In the end, the great treasure we found, the mountain of gold coins, sank to the bottom of the ocean...

WE ONLY GOT ONE...
THE FALCON GOLD COINS.
THIS IS ALL THAT PUNK'S FAULT!
SHIT!
CAPTAIN! YOU'RE GONNA GIVE THAT BACK TO ME, RIGHT?
IT'S MINE! IT'S MINE!
I KNOW.
...NUTS!
DID NUTS KNOW OF ANOTHER TREASURE?
AND THEN THE WATER TRAP. WELL, THERE'S NO USE DWELLING ON IT..
THAT GUY KNEW SOMETHING. HE LEFT THE PASSAGE.

RIGHT, CAPTAIN!?
AT ANY RATE, WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM GET AWAY LIKE THIS!
IF WE GET HIM BACK, IT'LL NEVER END.
KILLING AND LOOTING FROM ONE OTHER IS WHAT PIRATES DO.
HUH...?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST LET IT GO.
B-BUT ..!
HE MUST'VE BEEN SO PLEASED WITH NUTS, HE TURNED OVER THE SHIP TO HIM. HE PROBABLY JUST THOUGHT IT WAS HIS TIME TO RETIRE.
..DAIAN.. DID HE REALLY RETIRE...?
WHAT?
BUT..! BUT CAPTAIN!

I SAW IT... I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING AT THE TIME, BUT HE WAS WEARING CAPTAIN DAIAN'S MANTLE.
THERE WAS A HUGE TEAR IN THE BACK!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
.....
.....
CUT DOWN FROM BEHIND..
IMPOSSIBLE HE WAS A SWORDMASTER
Heh! YOU'RE RIGHT.
DID HE KILL DAIAN...!?
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD'VE DIED LIKE THAT! NOT DAIAN!

AND EVEN IF THAT DID HAPPEN, WHAT HAPPENS ON THEIR SHIP IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS!
THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO WAY THAT PUNK COULD OFF DAIAN!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
NONE OF OUR BUSINESS...?
A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS PART OF THE RED SKELLS AND HAD JUST SET OUT TO SEA.
...BARTS?

CAPTAIN! THE PRISONERS ARE MISSING!
FIVE OF OUR BOATS ARE GONE!
MY ENTIRE CREW AND I WERE CAPTURED AND HELD PRISONERS ON THE DIAMOND SERPENT BY DAIAN.
DID THEY ESCAPE TO SEA!?
AFTER THEM! LOWER THE BOATS, FIRST MATE!
AYE!
?
CAPTAIN OVER THERE!
IT'S THEM!

MOND SERPE
BEING THE ONLY DECOY... YOU'VE GOT GUTS, BOY!
He!
YOU WANNA CROSS SWORDS WITH CAPTAIN DAIAN THE SWORDMASTER!?
!
THE REST OF THEM MUST HAVE FLED TO LAND! EVERYONE AFTER THEM!
AYE!
Heh... A DECOY?
...JUST ONE MAN...

BARTS.. JOHN BARTS
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
A TWIN BLADES MAN?
THE MAN CAPTAIN SPARD IS THINKING OF MAKING HIS SUCCESSOR... I SEE
I see.
Heh...
SO YOU'RE TWIN SWORDS BARTS,
HUH?
HEH.
Heh.
GO ON! HOLD NOTHING BACK!

...CAPTAIN DAIAN...
HOW FAR CAN YOU GET WITH THESE BOATS YOU STOLE FROM ME? I'M DYING TO FIND OUT.
BECOME AN AMAZING PIRATE AND A WORTHY ADVERSARY.
IF YOU DON'T INHERIT LEADERSHIP OF THE RED SKELLS AND SET OUT ON YOUR OWN, LOOK ME UP SOME TIME.
Ah BARTS!
Hey! JUST ROW!
YE!
?
.....
...PREPARED FOR YOU.
I HAVE A GOOD SHIP...

AND NOW I'LL HAVE TO PAY DAIAN BACK...
FOR THIS SHIP THAT HE PREPARED FOR ME.

...NUTS!

Chapter 39

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Suprise attack

BAKU-CHI
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM UPSET.

Huh?
THAT SQUIRREL... DIDN'T WE SEE IT ON THE ISLAND?
Yeah.
IT PROBABLY RAN ONTO OUR SHIP WHEN THE ISLAND SANK.
LOOKS LIKE I COULDN'T GET RID OF THIS GUY EVEN IF I WANTED TO.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE UGLY, I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR FACE.

Lick Lick
Hey, STOP THAT!
WE ALSO RAISED ONE LONG AGO, EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T TOO FOND OF IT
OW!
HE BIT ME AGAIN!
HAHAHA!

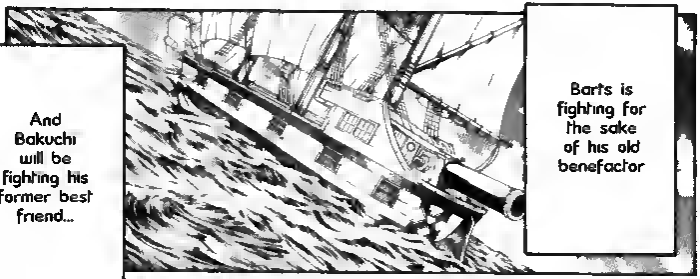
Tch
THE ONLY PERSON IT LIKES IS YOU
NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT
SQUIRRELS LOVE NUTS, AFTER ALL.
"WE..."
NUTS AND I

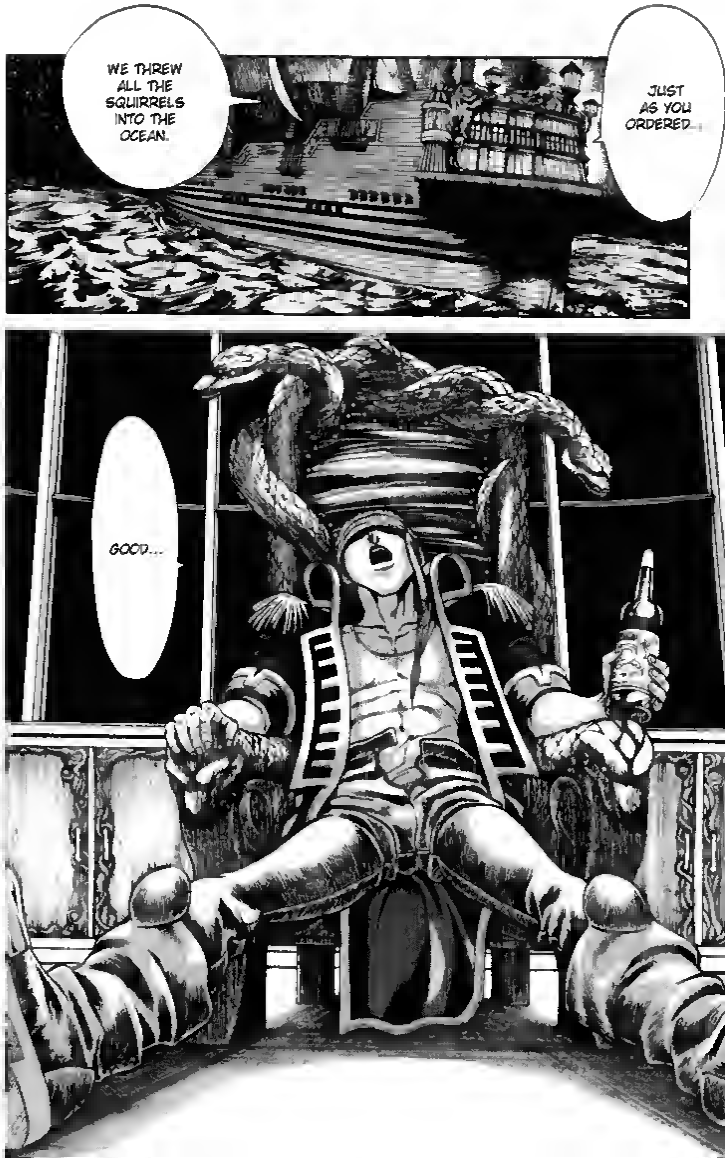
YEAH
"YEAH"...? LOOK AT IT
Ah, Barts!
LOOK! LOOK AT THIS SQUIRREL! I CAN KEEP IT, RIGHT?
WAIT, BARTS!
YEAH
SHUT UP!

.....
ALL OF YOU, STOP LOAFING AROUND AND PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
THOSE GUYS THINK WE'RE DEAD! THEY WON'T SEE A SURPRISE ATTACK COMING!!

SCARY...
BARTS IS...
I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THAT STUPID PUNK, TOO.
IT'S NOT UNFOUNDED. HIS BENEFACTOR WAS KILLED, AFTER ALL
I NEED TO THANK HIM FOR THAT WATER TRAP.
I... REALLY LIKED MISTER DAIAN...
...NUTS!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
...YOU GUYS.

BAKUCHI...


Barts is fighting for the sake of his old benefactor
And Bakuchi will be fighting his former best friend...

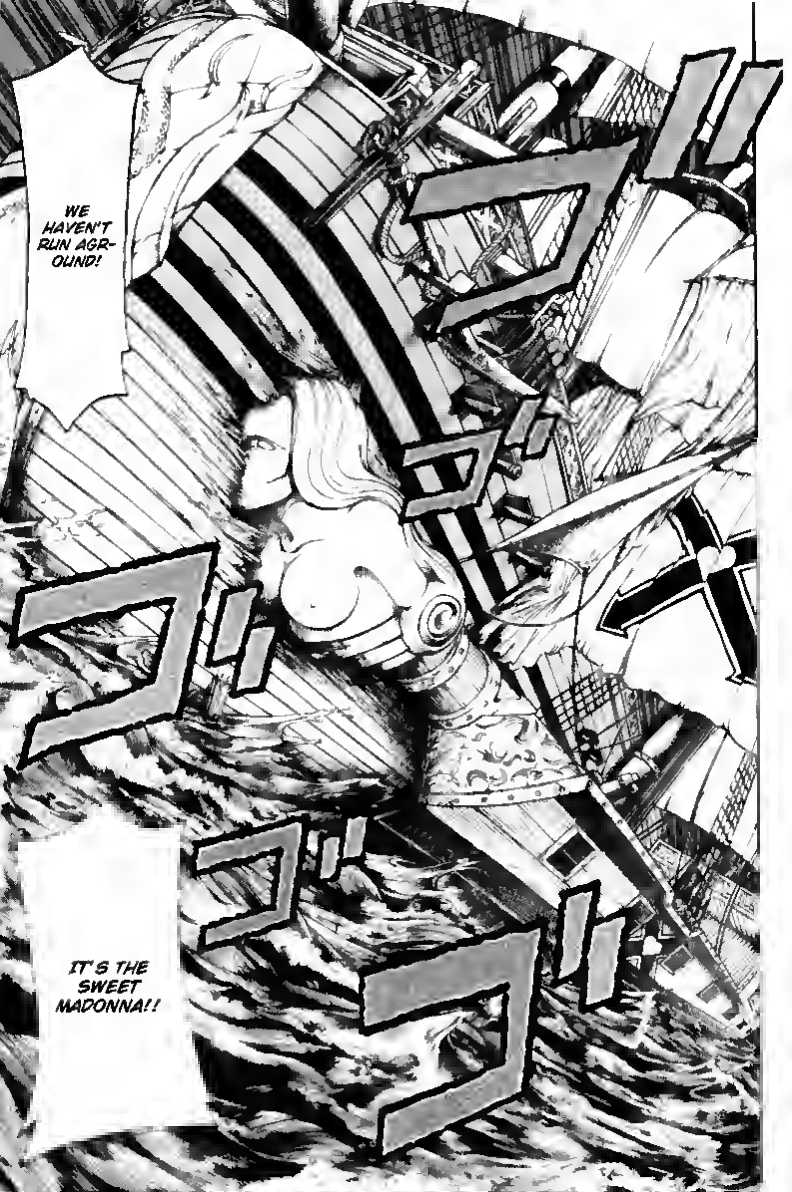

WE THREW ALL THE SQUIRRELS INTO THE OCEAN.
JUST AS YOU ORDERED.
GOOD...

...THE CHANGELING WASN'T HERE...
GULP
ARE YOU DOUBTING ME RIGHT NOW...?
Stinkhead
I AM, BUT... WHEN THE ISLAND SANK...
WHAT IF SOME OF THE SQUIRRELS RAN ABOARD THE SWEET MADONNA?
A CHANGELING ON THE STONE-HEAD!?

...OF COURSE.
SHOULD WE HEAD BACK?
DON'T WORRY, THAT SHIP IS STILL AFLOAT.
CAN IT REALLY BECOME A POWERFUL WEAPON?
HOWEVER, A SQUIRREL IS SO SMALL. EVEN IF IT'S A CHANGELING...
YES... A CHANGELING OF UNIMAGINABLE POWER
A POWER THAT MARBIS CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO COMPARE TO!

UGH!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU
I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK.
WHAT NOW?
Shit.
WE'VE RUN AGROUND.
THERE ARE A LOT OF REEFS IN THIS AREA.

Gua!
Eek!
WE .


WE HAVEN'T RUN AGROUND!
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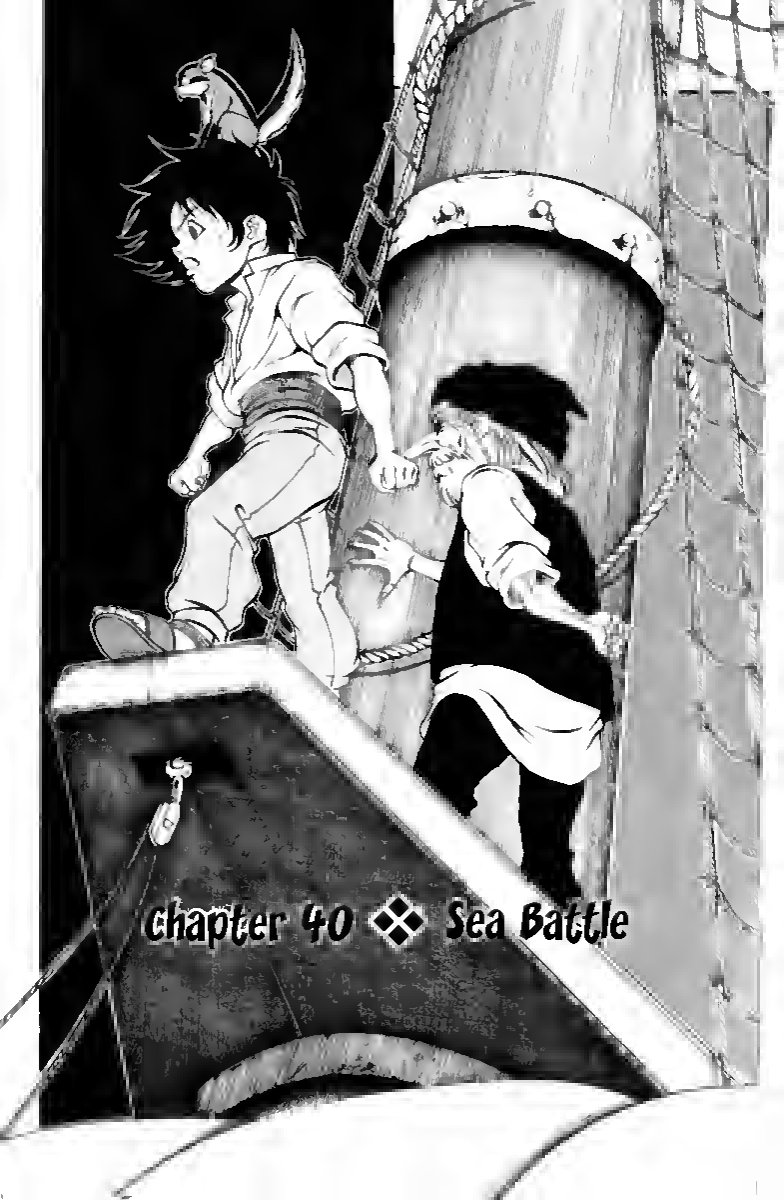
IT'S THE SWEET MADONNA!!

SHOW YOURSELF, YOU PIECE OF SHIT!!
WHERE ARE YOU, NUTS!?

BARTS... YOU SURVIVED!
!

NUTS!
NU
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED YOUR LUCK...!
THIS TIME, YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME MARBIS' PREY!

Hideyo



Chapter 40 ❖ Sea Battle

BARTS
GET DOWN HERE, NUTS!

.....
STEPPING ONTO MY SHIP AND RAISING SUCH A FUSS... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WAIT! NUTS!
IF YOU WANT TO CHAT, GET UP HERE.
COME, MARBIS.
TO ARMS, YE SCURVY DOGS!!
WE WON'T LET YOU BASTARDS HAVE YOUR WAY!

!
.....
MOVE.
YOU...
YOU AREN'T THE ONLY SWORDSMAN AROUND HERE.
TWIN SWORDS DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE.
I WILL SHOW YOU HOW POWERLESS YOU TRULY ARE, BARTS...

WITH MARBIS.
Hmhmhm
LET'S SHOW 'EM THE TERROR OF THE DIAMOND SERPENT!
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おお
おお
Shink
Shink
Grip

Hogya!
Grab
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ドオ...
YOUR TERROR... IS WEAK.
HEE
BANG
UGYA!
HYAAAAA!
STOP MAKING SUCH PITIFUL NOISES. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL DIE FROM THAT!
AH!

MEN SHOULDN'T EITHER
Huh?
OOH!
WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE SO COCKY!
HEY
Thump
YOU SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF A SWORDSMAN.

MY, I'M OUT OF BULLETS
YOU WET YOURSELF THAT'S NASTY
EEK!
CLICK
EVERYONE, REGROUP!
THE WOMAN IS OUT OF BULLETS!
UGH...

NOW THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO APPROACH US SO EASILY!
leap
?
...ABOVE.

.....
!
PETE!
BARTS! HELP PETE!
SOMEONE SAVE HIM!
EVERY-ONE'S... SO AMAZING

LET'S CARVE THIS BASTARD UP!
WHAT A PRETTY FACE!
UWAH!
UGH
Step

THAT ISN'T A VERY MANLY FACE.
.....
I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DETAILS. BUT PETE IS OF NOBLE BIRTH.
HE IS SKILLED WITH A SWORD, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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WHAT IS THIS!?
Dammit!
WHAT THE HELL!? THESE GUYS ARE STRONG...
FIRST MATE...
THIS IS THE REASON I HATE THE SWEET MADONNA...
IT MAKES ME SICK...
TO HAVE THE GUTS TO OPPOSE US...
FOR THAT SMALL SHIP FOR THIS SMALL CREW...

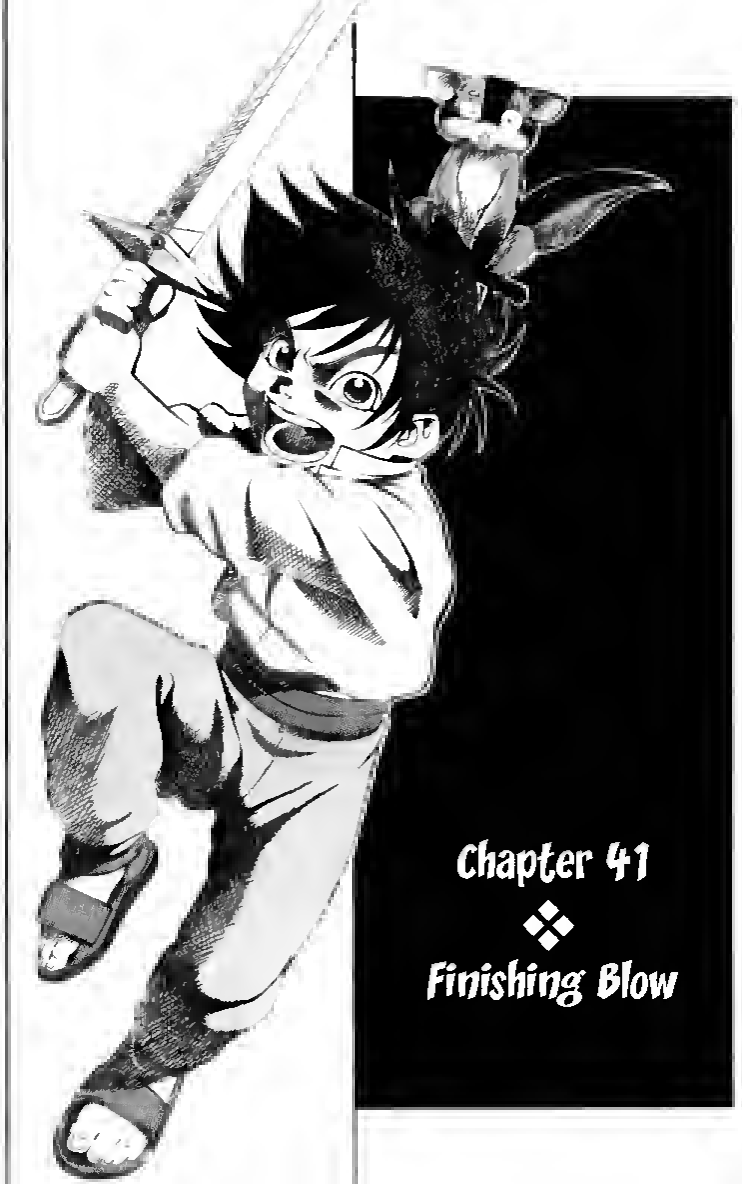
IT MAKES ME SICK!
I... I...
NOSE...
IN SITUATIONS LIKE THESE, IT'S NORMAL TO WANT TO RUN AND HIDE
BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ALSO EXIST PEOPLE WHO CAN'T WAIT TO JOIN THE FRAY.
AND, COCO, THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE ARE...

AAAAAAAAH!
PIRATES

!
Tap
Hey!
I'M UNARMED YOU KNOW
UNLESS MILKA BREAKS THE SEAL, MARBIS IS USELESS TO ME
MILKA IS LOCKED IN THE ROOM AHEAD OF ME
...NUTS!
DID YOU... KILL DAIAN?
IT'S ME! MAX!
THIS IS THE GUY WHO THINKS I'M AN OLD FRIEND OF HIS..

MAX?
I DIDN'T KILL HIM. NOW, WILL YOU LET ME PASS,
WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
I DIDN'T KILL HIM. PLEASE LET ME PASS, MAX.
SO YOU REMEMBER ME AFTER ALL...
...!
...NUTS.
NUTS KILLED DAIAN.
THERE'S NO DOUBT.

THE FIRST MATE CONFIRMED IT.



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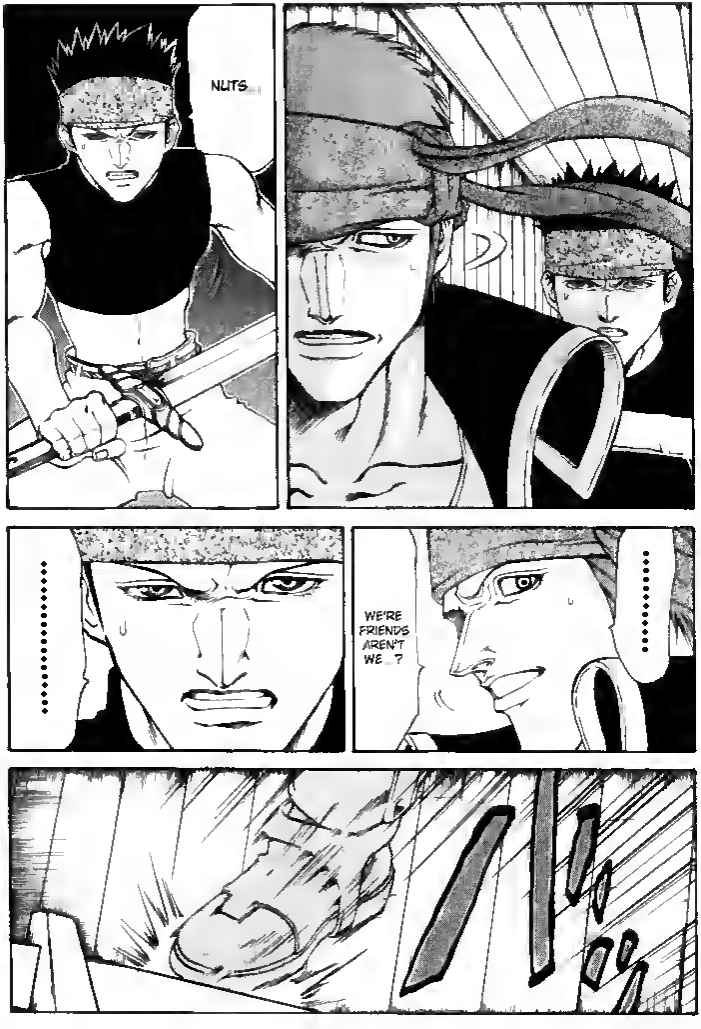
Finishing Blow

BARTS
!
ARE
YOU READY,
NUTS...!?


NUTS...
.....
WE'RE FRIENDS AREN'T WE...?
.....

AAAA

EE...
EEK!?
EE...
Y-YOU SAVED ME, BUDDY!

MOVE
.....
MOVE!
.....
CAPTAIN!

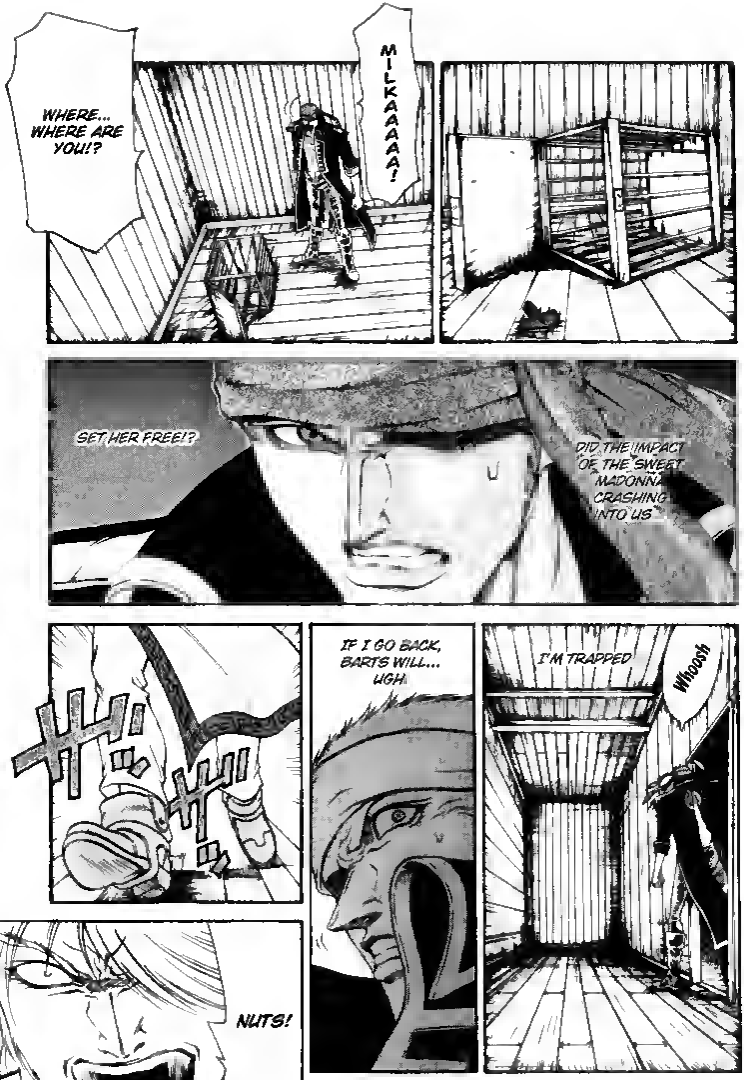
BAKU-CHI
HE'S MY BEST FRIEND
IF YOU GET IN MY WAY AGAIN I WILL CUT YOU DOWN
.....
DON'T FORGET IT.

ナオオオ

WHOA
EEK
TOOAA AAAA!!!
THE ENEMY IS PITIFUL
HEE-HEE-HEE
BRAT
!

Pant.
Pant.
I WAS SAVED BY THAT GUY'S IDIOCY
BARTS, YOU JUST LOST YOUR GREATEST CHANCE
DON'T MESS WITH ME!

ONCE MARBIS' SEAL IS BROKEN AND HE TRANSFORMS, NO ONE IS A MATCH FOR ME!
MILKA!
!?
AWAKEN MARBIS, MILKA!!


WHERE... WHERE ARE YOU!?
MILKAAAAA!
SET HER FREE!?
DID THE IMPACT OF THE "SWEET MADONNA" CRASHING INTO US
IF I GO BACK, BARTS WILL... UGH
I'M TRAPPED
Whoosh
NUTS!

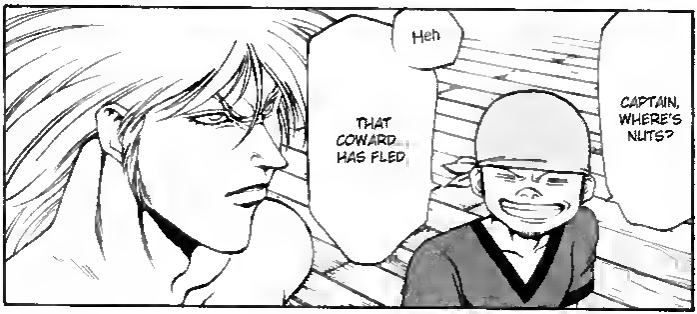
.....
WHERE DID YOU DISAPPEAR TO, NUTS!?
GWAH!

GUO!
SHIT
YOU MADE COCO BLEED
DON'T "WHAT" ME
...WHAT...? YOU BAS-TARD

AAA AAH!
OOH... UGH...
HAGAA!
I SAID, YOU MADE COCO BLEED.
...PETE...
WATCH CAREFULLY, COCO-CHAN. THIS IS ALSO PART OF THE SWEET MADONNA.
THAT'S... THAT'S ENOUGH...

Pant.
WHAT IS...
Pant.
WHAT IS NUTS DOING..?
Pant.
Pant.
THAT'S RIGHT! WHERE'S NUTS!?
WE MADE HIM CAPTAIN BECAUSE WE BELIEVED IN HIS POWER!
NUTS!
WHAT IS NUTS DOING!?
WHERE'S THE CHANGELING!?
WHERE'S MARBIS!?
PFT.
CHANGE-LING, eh?

FUGA!
CAP-TAIN.


Heh
THAT COWARD HAS FLED
CAPTAIN, WHERE'S NUTS?

AGA-GA...
FLED!?
HE ABAN-DONED HIS CREW AND SHIP AND FLED!?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S THE CAPTAIN!
Pant
Pant
NUTS...
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE RAN AWAY...

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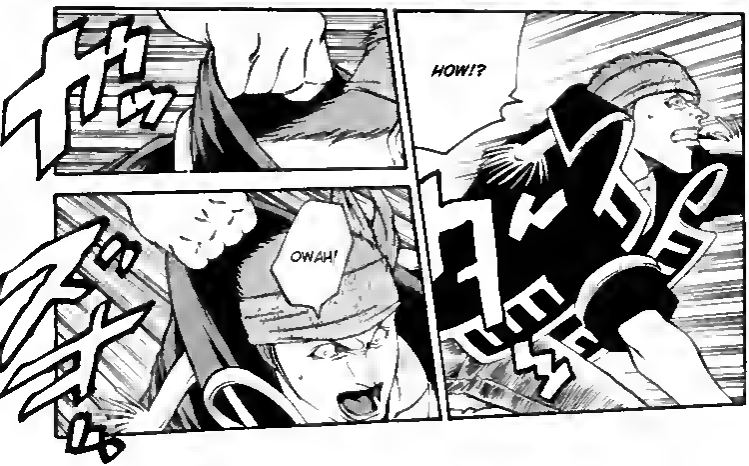
WHAT HAS NUTS DONE!?
DID HE REALLY RUN AWAY!?

WHAT KIND OF CAPTAIN RUNS OFF BY HIMSELF? THAT SHITTY BASTARD!
WHAT KIND OF CAPTAIN IS HE!?
HEH
THERE'S NO NEED. COME, HULK
IF OUR MAIN TARGET HAS RUN AWAY OUR BUSINESS IS DONE HERE
At any rate, HE SHOULD STILL BE ON BOARD WHY DON'T WE SEARCH FOR HIM?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD WITH THAT CHANGELING OF YOURS...!?
NUTS... WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
.....

DID THEY LEAVE?
IT'S QUIET NOW...
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY COULD FIND ME IN HERE, ANYWAY...
Hmhmhm
WELL, THEY PROBABLY GAVE UP AFTER A WHILE.
Creak
.....
lick lick
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU USELESS BEAST.

HE'S HERE, CAPTAIN
WHA-!?


HOW!?
OWAH!

OHYA!

UGH!
GUHA!
SLIP
PARTS
A HIDDEN TRAP DOOR ON THE PROW OF THE SHIP.
WHEN I WAS A PRISONER ON THIS SHIP, I USED IT TO ESCAPE.
.....

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NUTS!?
HURRY UP AND TELL THE CHANGELING TO TEAR BARTS TO SHREDS!
AGAIN WITH THE CHANGELING
.....
DO IT, NUTS!
DO IT!
.....
Show them!
SHOW THEM THAT MONSTER'S STRENGTH!
ANNIHI-LATE ALL OF THEM!
A CHANGELING

HM
HM
HM
HM
STOP SMILING AND SHOW IT TO ME
HEHE
HEH
HEHE
HEHEHEHE
SHOW IT TO ME
SHOW IT TO ME! YOUR DAMN CHANGELING!!

BAAAAAAAAARTS!

!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I'M SORRY!
Thud
THERE IS NO CHANGELING I'VE LOST...
.....

MARBIS IS JUST AN ORDINARY DOG
Huh...?
THEN
MILKA'S NOT HERE...
W-WHAT IS HE DOING...?
THIS IS THE MAN THAT KILLED DAIAN...?
...SO WHADDYA SAY? FROM THE BEGINNING, I HAD NO INTENTIONS OF FIGHTING YOU...
Hehaha
MY TWO SWORDS ARE LIKE THREE!!
...GET UP, NUTS
AYE! AYE, AYE, AYE!
C-COME ON, YE SCURVY DOGS!!

WHAT'RE YOU ALL STANDING AROUND GAWKING FOR!? ALL OF YOU HELP OUT TOO!
HEY!
NU
.....
.....
NUTS!

BUT YOU IMMEDIATELY LOWERED YOUR HEAD AND SURRENDERED
WE WERE OUT HERE SHEDDING OUR OWN BLOOD TO THE VERY END
WHAT'S THIS...?
ACT LIKE A CAPTAIN, EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONCE.
WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR CHANGELING, MARBIS, OR WHATEVER...
.....

HE REALLY IS A PUNK
MY, MY, MY.
Hmhmhm.

Grab
I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL SHOULDN'T I...?
IT'S NOT SO EASY BEING CAPTAIN, IS IT, NUTS?
THEY'RE LETTING ME CHOOSE...
ANY SWORD I WANT...
SHOULD I BE THANKFUL FOR HAVING SUCH A WONDERFUL CREW?
.....

SHALL WE GET THIS STARTED, BARTS!?
Nuts' attitude and facial expression instantly changed... Why...? I have a bad feeling about this..
"FULL AHEAD! COCO" VOLUME 5 / END